

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Wednesday, February 15, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Absent—Senators Clark, Gaines and Shannon.

Excused—Senator Tendick.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion Senator Flanagan was excused from attendance to-day.

On motion of Senator Pyle the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Baker: a bill (Senate bill No. 156) to be entitled "An act to invest the school fund."

Read first time.

On motion of Senator Baker the rules were suspended to consider Senate bill No. 156.

Read second time.

Senator Pickett moved to amend the caption of Senate bill No. 156, to read "An act to be entitled an act to invest the perpetual school fund."

Amendment adopted.

Senate bill No. 156 ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading as amended.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the rules were further suspended, Senate bill No 156 read third time and passed.

Senator Pickett presented the following resolution (Senate concurrent resolution No. 3):

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring) That a committee of two from the Senate, to act with a like committee of three from the House of Representatives, be appointed to proceed immediately to Huntsville, in the county of Walker, with instructions to examine fully into the recent disturbances in Walker county, and to report fully all the facts connected with such disturbances, as well as the present condition of affairs in said county.

SECTION 2. That said committee have full power to send for persons and papers, and to employ such clerk assistance as they may find necessary.

Concurrent resolution read.

Senator Parsons moved to amend by striking out the words "two from the Senate" and inserting "three from the Senate," and striking out "three from the House of Representatives" and inserting "five from the House of Representatives."

Amendment adopted.

On motion of Senator Pickett Senate concurrent resolution No. 3 was adopted as amended.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House House bill No. 26, "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent and printing expenses of the Twelfth Legislature," informing the House the Senate had passed the same.

By Senator Evans: a bill (Senate bill No. 157) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Dallas Gas Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

GENERAL FILE.

Senate bill No. 37, "An act to incorporate the Cuero Bridge Company," read second time, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Mills, the rules were further suspended, and Senate bill No. 37 read third time and passed.

Message from the House by Chief Clerk, informing the Senate the House had passed Senate joint resolution No. 2 "Joint resolution authorizing members of the Legislature to withdraw from office of Secretary of State enrolled bills which failed to become laws at the last session of the Legislature."

On motion of Senator Pyle, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate bill No. 45 "An act to incorporate the Kaufman county Bridge Company."

Read second time, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Pyle, the rules were further suspended, Senate bill No. 45 read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Hertzberg, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate bill No. 106 an act to be entitled "An act for the relief of W. H. Dangerfield."

Read second time, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Pridgen, the rules were further suspended, Senate bill No. 106 read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Braughton, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Douglass, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain,

Hall, Hertzberg, Hillebrandt, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—25.

Nays—Latimer. Pickett—2.

By leave, Senator Parsons introduced a bill (Senate bill No. 158) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Houston Cooperage Manufacturing Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Douglass moved a suspension of the rules to take from file Senate joint resolution No. 5, "Joint resolution proposing amendments to section two, section three, and section four of article five of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

Rules suspended, and on further motion it was made the special order for 12 M. to-morrow.

On motion of Senator Bell, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate joint resolution No. 8, "Joint resolution to authorize and require the Governor to lease the State Penitentiary, together with the labor of the convicts therein."

Read second time.

On motion of Senator Saylor, Senate joint resolution No. 8, was made the special order for 12 M. Tuesday next.

On motion of Senator Saylor, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate bill No. 93, "An act to incorporate the Leon Bridge Company."

Read second time.

On motion of Senator Saylor, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

12 M.

The hour having arrived for executive session,

On motion of Senator Parsons, it was postponed until the business before the Senate was disposed of.

On motion of Senator Bowers, Senate bill No. 93 was made the special order for 12½ P. M. to-morrow.

By leave, Senator Fountain introduced

Senate joint resolution No. 17, "Joint resolution to accept according to its terms and conditions, the grant of United States' land warrants made by certain acts of Congress of the United States entitled an act donating certain of the public lands to the several States and territories, which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, approved July 2, 1862, and an act amending the fifth section of an act donating public lands to the several States and territories, which may provide colleges for the benefits of agriculture and the mechanic arts, approved July 2, 1862, so as to extend the time within which the provisions of said act may be accepted and said colleges established, approved July

'23, 1866, and to provide for giving effect thereto by a grant of State land certificates, and by other provisions having for their object the obtaining, investing and applying the proceeds of the land warrants donated, so as to secure the same and avoid the forfeiture of the grant."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Senator Parsons the Senate went into executive session.

IN SENATE.

Senator Fountain moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

Absent—Senators Braughton, Gaines and Pyle.

Absent—(excused)—Senators Clark and Tendick.

On motion of Senator Fountain Senator Gaines was excused.

On motion of Senator Bowers the call of the Senate was suspended.

Senator Fountain moved to go into executive session.

Senator Bowers moved to adjourn to eleven A. M. to-morrow, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeas—Bowers, Dillard, Pickett, Pridgen, Shannon—5.

Nays—Baker, Bell, Braughton, Cole Dohoney, Douglass, Evans Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Hall, Hertzberg, Hillebrandt, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—20.

The question recurring on the motion to go into executive session, the motion was adopted and the Senate went into executive session.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Senator Saylor the Senate adjourned to 11 A. M. to-morrow.
